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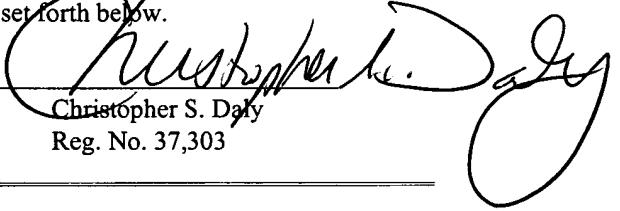
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.